

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the Claims:

What is claimed is:

1. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising (2S)-2-amino-4-[[2-(ethanimidoylamino)ethyl]thio] butanoic acid, a pharmaceutically acceptable bulking agent and one or more antioxidants or chelating agents.
2. (Amended) The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the (2S)-2-amino-4-[[2-(ethanimidoylamino)ethyl]thio]butanoic acid is in the form of its (1:1) compound with phosphoric acid, or a solvate thereof.
3. (Amended) The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 2 wherein the solvate is a hydrate.
4. (Amended) The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 3 wherein the hydrate is the monohydrate.
5. (Amended) The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 3 wherein the hydrate is the trihydrate.
6. (Amended) The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the (2S)-2-amino-4-[[2-(ethanimidoylamino)ethyl]thio]butanoic acid comprises from about 0.1 to about 5% by weight, the pharmaceutically acceptable bulking agent comprises from about 80 to about 99.5% by weight, and the antioxidant, chelating agent, or mixture thereof comprises from about 0.005 to about 5% by weight, based on the dry weight.
7. (Amended) The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the antioxidants or chelating agents are selected from the group comprising EDTA, malic acid, ascorbic acid and mixtures thereof.
8. (Amended) The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable bulking agent comprises microcrystalline cellulose, starch or a mixture thereof.

9. (Amended) A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of a clinical condition in a mammal, for which an inhibitor of nitric oxide synthase is indicated, which comprises administration of a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1.

10. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 9 wherein the clinical condition is selected from arthritis, asthma, rhinitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, ileus, migraine, pain and irritable bowel syndrome.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (New) The method as claimed in claim 9 wherein said mammal is a human.